

Condensed Reopening

Salem School submitted our plan to the state on 7/24/2020. Please click [here](#) to access the full plan. In an effort to streamline the information in the 50 page document, we have compiled a list of essential information as we begin the school year on 8/31/2020. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Joan Phillips or Mr. Dan Driscoll.

Prior to school

- Each morning take your child's temperature, if it is over 100 degrees Fahrenheit please keep your child home from school along with their siblings. Students must stay home for a minimum of 24 hours after a fever breaks without fever reducing medication. (Please remember to call the school with any absences). If the fever persists or other COVID systems present themselves please contact your family physician for further information/testing.

Bus

- Seating will be arranged based on pick-up time. Earliest pick-up times will go to the back of the bus and siblings will stay seated together.
- Monitors will be on the bus to ensure wearing of masks and social distance is adhered to.

Arrival

- We will utilize four entrances in the front of the building for our students arriving on busses, and two separate entrances in the back of the building for parent drop-off.
- Grade 7/8 will use the front entrance on the right side of the building.
- Grade 1 through 3 will use the front entrance on the left side of the building.
- Grade 4-6 will use the main entrance.
- Kindergarten have their own entry to the classroom through the side doors near the main entrance.
- Drop off will take place in the back of the building and no parents will leave their car as students are dropped off.

During the Day:

- Students will be expected to wear a mask while in the building.
- We have purchased extra masks in the event someone forgets to bring their mask.
- Students will have two scheduled masks breaks during the day in addition to snack and lunch.
- Desk dividers have been purchased for each student to be utilized when students are eating snack and lunch in the classroom and/or when 6 feet distancing is not possible.
- The classrooms have been cleared of extra materials (rugs, centers, extra book shelves, etc.) to allow for student desks to be spaced to allow social distancing.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom through use of the dividers; Hot lunch meals will be provided via cart from the lunch room. You will need to place your child's order a week at a time.
- Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizing breaks expected.
- Traffic patterns in hallways will be designed to promote social distancing during passing times. Strategies will include staggered passing times and/or one way traffic in hallways.
- Classroom seating shall be assigned to students at all times during the day. Any alternate seating or shared seating in reading nooks, group centers, and other areas will not be allowed.

- Backpacks will be used to eliminate the use for lockers in grades 5 through 8.
- Materials will not be shared amongst students. No two individuals should use the same materials in a given school day without appropriate cleaning/disinfecting between uses.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized at least twice a day. Where possible, the school will consider designating separate bathrooms for different classes or establish shifts for classes to use the bathroom.
- Classroom cohorts will be established and use the same classroom every day and for the most part utilize the same hallways, bathrooms, and other areas of the school as much as possible.
- Teachers will push into the cohort classroom as much as possible for academic courses and Unified Arts courses. Physical Education classes will take place in the cohort classroom and /or outdoors to the greatest extent possible.
- PE will focus on activities, fitness, exercises, and sports that are teacher led but performed individually.
- Band and Chorus will not perform as a whole group. Individual lessons will take place at the appropriate distance as outlined in the CDC guidelines.

Dismissal:

- Parent pick-up will be in the back of the school, the same as drop-off. No parents will need to get out of their vehicle. We will have a staff member stationed in the front parking lot to radio into the school to send students to the back for pick-up. No students will be congregated in the pick-up area.
- The hallways and bus area will be monitored to keep students social distancing as they leave the building and enter the busses.
- There will be no changing of busses for students unless the administration approves. This must be done so in writing.
- No emails or call-in's will be accepted after 2:30 pm for a change in dismissal for your child unless it is an emergency.